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GENERAL: Despite limited rainfall and above normal temperatures, crop conditions showed little change, according to the USDA’s Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Across the State, dryland crop conditions rated mostly fair to good. Crop maturity remained near normal, with corn continuing to mature at a faster than normal pace. Other producer activities included irrigation as needed, grain harvest preparations, hay harvest, and wheat seeding preparations.

This release is based on reports and data from county extension educators, FSA county directors, NOAA, and the High Plains Climate Center.

WEATHER: Temperatures last week averaged from slightly below to four degrees above normals across the State. Precipitation was scattered across the State. One report of over 5 inches in the South Central was received.

CROPS: **Corn** condition rated 4% very poor, 9 poor, 25 fair, 43 good, and 19 excellent. Irrigated corn was 76% good to excellent while dryland corn rated 42% good to excellent. Ninety-four percent of the fields had reached the dough stage, compared with 91 last year and 86 average. Fifty-nine percent had dented which compared to 62 last year and 40 average. The crop rated mature on 7% of the acreage,

compared to 11 last year and 3 average. Corn for silage harvest was underway.

Soybean condition rated 6% very poor, 11 poor, 35 fair, 38 good, and 10 excellent. Plants were setting pods on 98% of the acreage, compared to 99 last year and 97 average. Twelve percent of the crop had turned color, compared to 32 last year and 9 average. Leaves were dropping on 1% of the acreage, compared with 14 last year and 3 average.

Sorghum condition rated 2% very poor, 8 poor, 41 fair, 40 good, and 9 excellent. Ninety-seven percent of the acreage was headed, compared to 96 last year and 95 average. The crop had turned color on 30%, compared with 52 last year and 29 average.

The **dry bean** crop has turned color on 31% of the acreage compared to 25 last year and 36 average. Eleven percent had dropped leaves, compared to 7 last year and 5 average. **Millet** harvest had progressed to 10% combined to date.

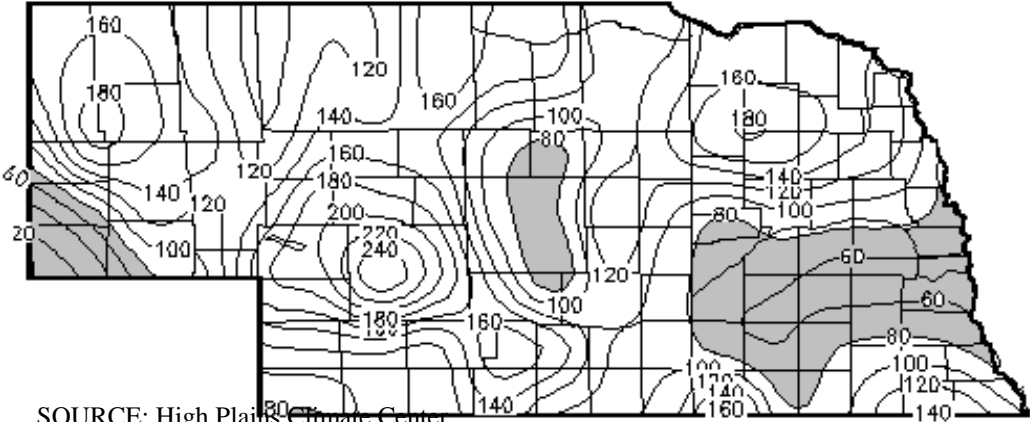
Third cutting **alfalfa** activities advanced to 80% complete, compared to 81 last year and 68 average. Condition rated 7% very poor, 16 poor, 36 fair, 37 good, and 4 excellent.

Pasture and range condition rated 8% very poor, 19 poor, 40 fair, 31 good, and 2 excellent.

PROGRESS AND CONDITIONS, NEBRASKA, AS OF AUGUST 26, 2001

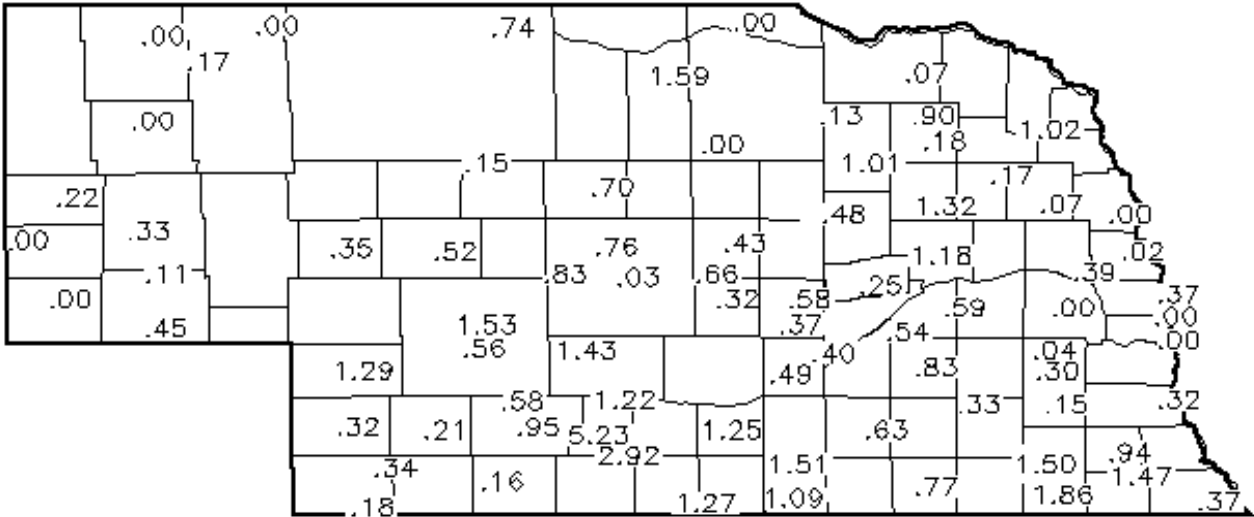
ITEM	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% Corn Dough	83	92	95	94	95	91	95	98	94	84	91	86
% Corn Dent	15	54	62	51	71	32	66	73	59	41	62	40
% Corn Mature	0	0	5	4	16	2	6	10	7	2	11	3
% Soybeans Setting Pods	n/a	93	97	100	99	97	99	98	98	91	99	97
% Soybeans Turning Color	n/a	5	8	10	16	14	18	9	12	4	32	9
% Soybeans Dropping Leaves	n/a	0	0	0	2	1	3	3	1	0	14	3
% Sorghum Headed	n/a	97	99	95	100	94	91	99	97	91	96	95
% Sorghum Turning Color	n/a	10	9	20	31	16	23	36	30	10	52	29
% Alfalfa Hay 3 rd Cutting	56	78	84	81	88	87	90	98	80	64	81	68
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	6.3	5.8	6.3	5.9	6.3	5.6	4.4	5.8	5.9	5.5	6.4	
Topsoil Moisture - % Very short	11	0	3	5	37	6	10	16	9	10	55	
- % Short	45	39	41	45	43	30	23	47	40	43	32	
- % Adequate	43	59	56	50	20	60	65	37	50	46	13	
- % Surplus	1	2	0	0	0	4	2	0	1	1	0	
Subsoil Moisture - % Very Short	9	2	3	24	43	16	13	12	13	14	68	
- % Short	44	33	47	48	43	45	40	52	42	44	26	
- % Adequate	47	65	50	28	14	38	47	36	45	41	6	
- % Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	

PRECIPITATION AS PERCENT OF NORMAL – LAST 60 DAYS
(SHADED AREAS LESS THAN 80 PERCENT OF NORMAL)



SOURCE: High Plains Climate Center.

PRECIPITATION IN INCHES FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 26, 2001¹



Item	Precipitation, Nebraska, April 1 - August 26, 2001 ¹							
	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.06	.51	.62	.51	.34	.74	2.12	.91
Total since April 1	11.49	17.78	21.38	16.55	18.57	13.94	18.02	24.61
Normal since April 1	11.46	14.24	16.14	15.36	17.07	13.58	15.28	17.72
Total as % of normal	100%	125%	132%	107%	108%	102%	118%	138%

¹ Source: High Plains Climate Center preliminary data as of 8:00 a.m. Sunday.

TEMPERATURE AND GROWING DEGREE DAY DATA, NEBRASKA, WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 2001 ¹								
Station		Temperature				Growing Degree Day Data Since April 15		
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Last Week	Current	Normal
		Max	Min					
NW	Chadron	97	53	76	---	---	---	---
	Scottsbluff	96	55	75	+4	150	2280	2089
NC	Sidney	98	52	73	---	145	2148	2143
	Valentine	97	52	75	+4	---	---	---
	Arthur	---	---	---	---	149	2277	2257
NE	O'Neill	---	---	---	---	169	2385	2397
	Norfolk	93	49	73	+2	---	---	---
	Sioux City	89	52	72	0	---	---	---
CEN	Concord	---	---	---	---	157	2396	2446
	Elgin	---	---	---	---	160	2401	2450
	West Point	---	---	---	---	164	2486	2581
	Grand Island	95	52	74	+1	156	2548	2479
EC	Ord	91	49	71	---	197	2530	2461
	Kearney	---	---	---	---	155	2552	2454
	Lincoln	100	51	76	+2	173	2769	2709
SW	Omaha	94	54	75	+3	---	---	---
	Central City	---	---	---	---	158	2507	2515
	Mead	---	---	---	---	164	2599	2670
SC	Imperial	98	54	74	---	---	---	---
	North Platte	89	50	69	-2	153	2405	2328
SE	Curtis	---	---	---	---	155	2471	2363
	Holdrege	---	---	---	---	157	2547	2436
SE	Red Cloud	---	---	---	---	178	2859	2507
	Beatrice	---	---	---	---	165	2675	2710
	Clay Center	---	---	---	---	161	2571	2501

¹ Temperature data furnished by National Weather Service, Valley, NE. Growing Degree Day data furnished by High Plains Climate Center.
n/a = not available.